

DISTRICT VI ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes

Wednesday, June 21, 2000
7:00 p.m.

The District VI Advisory Board meeting was held at City Hall, 455 N. Main in the First Floor Board Room

Member's Present

Doratheia Sloan
Bob Schreck
John Van Walleghen
Linda Matney
Wendell Turner
C. Bickley Foster

Members absent

Veronica Casados
Clarence Wiley
Sharon Fearey
Gregory Chinn
Tony Rangel

Guests

Judi Nagel & husband

Council Member Joan Cole called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and asked DAB Members to introduce themselves due to the joint meeting between District IV and VI.

Fire Station Relocation Study

The City of Wichita recently completed a fire station relocation study. The purpose of the study was to determine where fire stations should be located to best meet the population trends and provide services to the citizens.

Ray Trail, Finance Director, and Deputy Chief Mike Rudd made a presentation on the findings of the fire station location study including the current level of service, equipment and the specialties offered from each fire station.

The residents in the Delano area are not in agreement with the closing of Firestation #4. They had many questions pertaining to the proposed plan. Following are a few questions:

1. Were railroads considered as a factor pertaining to response time?
2. Will the County be able to cover some of the areas that the City can't get to in optimum response time?
3. What assumptions were made for land use?
4. What is the national average for response time?
5. Did the consultants meet with Station #4?
6. There is property South of the fire station and why can't that be used to enlarge the facility?

Response to the questions were:

1. Railroad corridors were looked at during the evaluation;

2. The County would be able to cover areas of the City during fires if needed;
3. The Capital Improvement Program was looked at for growth plan;
4. The national average for response time is six minutes and Wichita runs one minute less.
5. The consultants did meet with Station #4 and the firemen were in agreement that they were in need of a new firestation.
6. That option was not looked at.

The Delano residents say they are trying to revitalize their neighborhood and that the need for a fire station in their neighborhood is very important. There are many elderly people who live in this neighborhood and also old homes. The association members stated that having the fire station close by they feel safer.

Comments from Council Member Cole after spending time in Fire Station #4 were that this particular station: a) Has very impressive training for the firefighters; b) Investing in a newer rescue truck would not fit into the existing station; c) This fire station is responsible for City wide coverage; and d) Due to the age of the facility it is very limited in what can be done there.

Council Member Gale commented that there would be another DAB IV meeting to discuss the concerns of all attending. This plan still has to go to the City Council before there are any recommendations made to approve it.

With no further discussion on the fire station location study each DAB finished their formal board meeting.

The minutes for June 5, 2000 were approved as submitted.

The agenda was amended to include *NW Floodway Crossing* as Other Business.

PUBLIC AGENDA

Judi Nagel, 3822 Garland, commented on the Wichita Ice Sports Arena. The comments were: 1) The restaurant has had seven or eight managers since it opened; 2) Poor communication with the Ice Hockey members; 3) No consistency in restaurant hours; and 4) Food should not be brought in **but** when holding tournaments-food is brought in. Mrs. Nagel stated that we should be proud to have such a fine facility and that we should be able to attract people from the downtown area to go and eat for lunch, but with the

Recommendation: Council Member Cole had previously checked on this complaint and received 12 glowing reports on the operation of the facility but this did not include the

turnover in restaurant management. The restaurant management will be investigated and then do follow-up with Mrs. Nagel and the DAB.

OTHER BUSINESS

NW Floodway Crossing

There will be a public meeting to discuss the issues pertaining to this topic on *Wednesday, August 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Sedgwick County Zoo.* Council Member Cole suggested this information be put in all District VI neighborhood newsletters. This is a very important meeting to decide traffic access over the Big Ditch.

The DAB meeting in September will discuss the *NW Traffic Study* and also look at how to continue clean-ups after the County takes over.

ADJOURN

With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Dozal
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